

# Absentee Voting For Overseas Citizens

2020 Election Year



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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

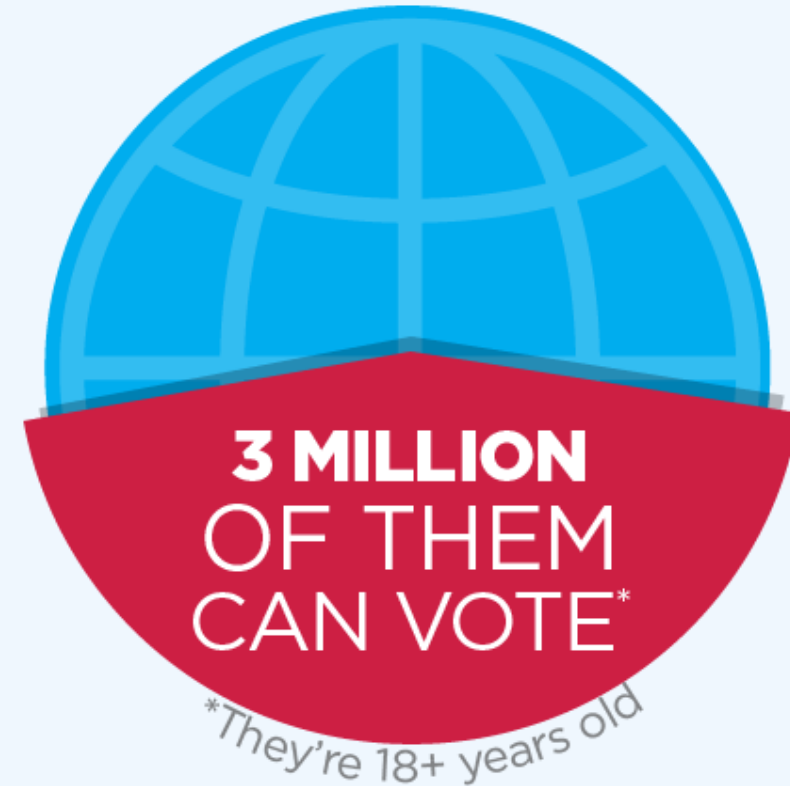
### *The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* **allows eligible citizens to:**

- Register to vote and request an absentee ballot using one instrument (the FPCA);
- Vote by absentee ballot.

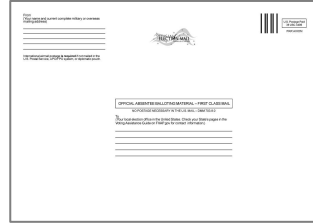
### **Who is covered by UOCAVA?**

- Absent Uniformed Service members;
- Absent members of the Merchant Marine;
- Eligible family members of the two above groups;
- Other U.S. citizens residing outside of the United States.

# Overseas Citizen Population Analysis



# Absentee Voting Process



Voter submits FPCA to election office to register and request ballot.

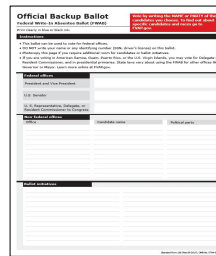
Election office processes FPCA. Sends ballot to voter.

Voter receives ballot, votes it, and returns it to election office.

Voter contacts election office about the status of the ballot.

Voter does NOT receive ballot. Fills out the FWAB as a "back up" ballot and returns it to election office.

Voter contacts election office about the status of the ballot.



# Federal Post Card Application

## Registers and Requests a Ballot

The FPCA allows eligible voters to register to vote, request a ballot, and update contact information.

Voters must fill out and sign the FPCA before returning it to their election office.

- For overseas citizens, the voting residence is usually the address at which the voter last resided prior to leaving the U.S.; for military, it is usually the address on their LES
- The voter does not need to have any current ties with their residence address. This remains true even if the voter:
  - Holds no property in the state
  - Has no intention to return to the state
  - Resided at an address that is no longer valid
- 39 states allow citizens who have never resided in the U.S. to use a parent's voting residence as their own.
- Voters are allowed to have only one voting residence for Federal elections.

**Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request**  
Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

Print clearly in blue or black ink, please see back for instructions.

**1. Who are you? Pick one.**

I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND:

☐ I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine -OR- ☐ I am an eligible spouse or dependent.  
☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return.  
☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my intent to return is uncertain.  
☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix (Jr., II) \_\_\_\_\_ Previous names (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Driver's license or State ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Sex ☐ Female ☐ Male

**2. What is your address in the U.S. state or territory where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot?**  
Your voting materials will not be sent to this address. See instructions on other side of form.

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City, town, village \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Where are you now? You MUST give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.**

Your mailing address. (Different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ Your mail forwarding address. (If different from mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.**  
Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What are your preferences for upcoming elections?**

A. How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office? (Select One) ☐ Mail ☐ Email or online ☐ Fax

B. What is your political party for primary elections? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. What additional information must you provide?**  
Puerto Rico and Vermont require more information, see back for instructions. Additional state instructions may be found at FVAP.gov. You may also use this space to clarify your voter information.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. You must read and sign this statement.**  
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:  
■ The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.  
■ I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and  
■ I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and  
■ I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

**Sign here** X **Today's date** (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Voters can use FVAP's easy online assistant to get started on the FPCA/FWAB.



Voters can find postage-paid envelopes, calendars, and fact sheets.

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**FPCA**

**MAIL**

**MAIL & FAX**

**MAIL, FAX & EMAIL**

Legend:

- MAIL (Dark Blue)
- MAIL & FAX (Red)
- MAIL, FAX & EMAIL (Light Blue)

States with asterisk (\*) indicate service is available only to voters in that state.

States shown: WA, OR, ID\*, MT, ND, MN, WI\*, MI, NY\*, VT, ME, NH, MA, CT\*, RI, NJ, PA, DE, MD\*, DC, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL\*, AL, MS, AR, LA, TX\*, OK, KS, NE, SD\*, WY\*, CO, UT, NV, CA\*, AZ, NM, MT, ND, MN, WI\*, MI, NY\*, VT, ME, NH, MA, CT\*, RI, NJ, PA, DE, MD\*, DC, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL\*, AL, MS, AR, LA, TX\*, OK, KS, NE, SD\*, WY\*, CO, UT, NV, CA\*, AZ, NM.

ALASKA HAWAII GUAM AMERICAN SAMOA VIRGIN ISLANDS PUERTO RICO

# BALLOT OR FWAB

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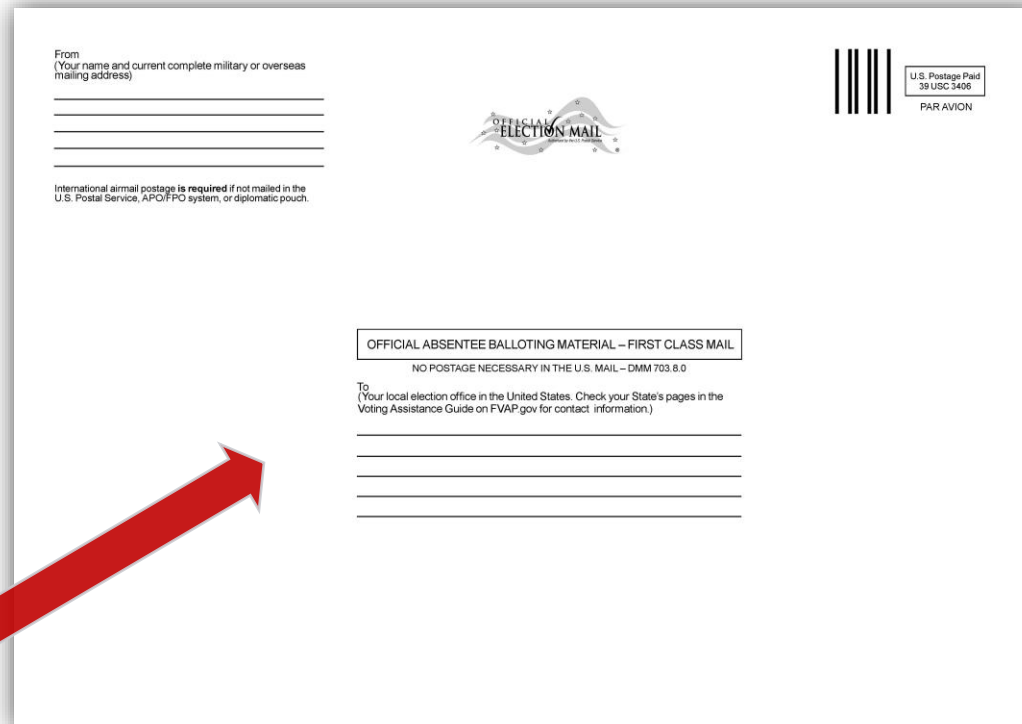
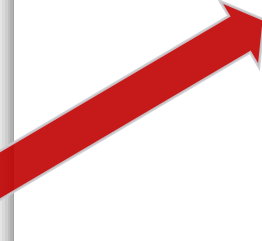


# Mailed Ballot Return via Diplomatic Pouch

**Some states accept voting materials by MAIL only. U.S. citizens can mail their ballot to their election official via international mail, private courier, or the diplomatic pouch at a nearby U.S. embassy or consulate. The recommended mailing deadline for the 2020 General Election is **October 13, 2020**.**

Postage-paid envelope templates can be found at:  
[www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms](http://www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms)

Voters must address their voting materials to their election officials. They can find that contact information here:  
[www.fvap.gov/search-offices](http://www.fvap.gov/search-offices)



From  
(Your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address)

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PAR AVION

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

International airmail postage is required if not mailed in the U.S. Postal Service, APO/FPO system, or diplomatic pouch.

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To  
(Your local election office in the United States. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov for contact information.)



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